

**REMARKS**

New sheets of drawings are filed herewith replacing the originally filed drawings. These drawings are formal drawings. There is no new matter in the drawings. In addition, there are no changes to the drawings other than preparing a formal set thereof having the reference characters formally prepared.

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. Claims 13-15 and 24 have been amended. Applicant responds as follows to the numbered paragraphs of the Office Action.

1-2. Claim 13 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) to as being unpatentable over Siegfried for the reasons detailed on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. In response, the applicant has amended claim 13. More specifically, claim 13 recites a handle assembly having “a handle ...movable in a first direction from a rest position to a first actuating position located in said well, and movable in a second direction from said rest position to a second actuating position located out of said well” and “... moving said locking lever to said lock position decouples said bell crank from said release lever such that the door latch remains latched upon movement of said handle into one of said first and second actuating positions, and moving said locking lever to said unlock position couples said bell crank to said release lever such that the door latch releases upon movement of said handle into one of said first and second actuating positions.”

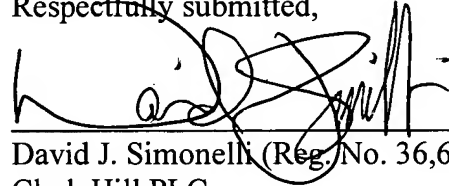
None of the cited prior art uses a handle that can move in a first direction to a first actuating position or move in a second direction to a second actuating position in order to release the latch. Specifically, in the Siegfried handle assembly, moving the handle in a first direction (“clockwise”) releases the latch (col. 4, ll. 45-51), and moving the handle in a second direction (“counterclockwise”) locks the latch, making release impossible (col.

5, ll. 36-39). With the Applicant's invention, by having two different actuating positions, a user can easily actuate the handle assembly to release the door latches from both inside and outside of the vehicle. As claims 14-23 depend from amended claim 13 and claims 25-30 depend from amended claim 24, allowance of these claims is also respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that this patent application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee associated with this Communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0831. A duplicate of this form is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David J. Simonelli', is written over a horizontal line.

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**In the Drawings**

Please substitute the original nine sheets of drawings having Figures 1 through 10 with the enclosed nine sheets of drawings for Figures 1 through 10.